



AGENDA

Special Call Community Redevelopment Agency Meeting

Wednesday, February 20, 2008, 7:30 P.M.
Lake Park Town Hall
535 Park Avenue

Paul Castro	—	Chair
Edward Daly	—	Vice-Chair
G. Chuck Balius	—	Board Member
Jeff Carey	—	Board Member
Patricia Osterman	—	Board Member
Christiane Francois	—	Board Member
Michelle McKenzie-Suiter	—	Board Member
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Maria V. Davis	—	Executive Director
Thomas J. Baird, Esq.	—	Agency Attorney
Vivian Mendez	—	Agency Clerk

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE AND BE ADVISED, that if any interested person desires to appeal any decision of the Town Commission, with respect to any matter considered at this meeting, such interested person will need a record of the proceedings, and for such purpose, may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. *Persons with disabilities requiring accommodations in order to participate in the meeting should contact the Town Clerk's office by calling 881-3311 at least 48 hours in advance to request accommodations.*

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

C. ROLL CALL

D. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS - APPROVAL OF AGENDA

E. GENERAL APPROVAL OF ITEM:

1. Special Call CRA Board Meeting Minutes of December 19, 2007 Tab 1
2. Share 50% Cost with the Town of Lake Park for Professional Lobbying Services Tab 2

F. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

G. ADJOURNMENT

TAB 1

Community Redevelopment Agency
Agenda Request Form

Meeting Date: February 6, 2007

Agenda Item No.

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SUBJECT: Special Call CRA Meeting Minutes of December 19, 2007.

RECOMMENDED MOTION/ACTION: Approve the Minutes from the CRA Special Call Meeting of December 19, 2007.

Approved by Executive Director

Date:

Deputy Clerk

Date of Actual Submittal

Originating Department: Town Clerk	Costs: \$ N/A Funding Source: Acct. #	Attachments: Application, memo
Department Review: <input type="checkbox"/> City Attorney <input type="checkbox"/> Community Affairs <input type="checkbox"/> Community Development	<input type="checkbox"/> Finance <input type="checkbox"/> Fire Dept <input type="checkbox"/> Library <input type="checkbox"/> PBSO	<input type="checkbox"/> Personnel <input type="checkbox"/> Public Works <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Town Clerk <i>VM</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Town Manager
Advertised: Date: _____ Paper: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Not Required	All parties that have an interest in this agenda item must be notified of meeting date and time. The following box must be filled out to be on agenda. Yes I have notified everyone _____ or Not applicable in this case <u>x</u> _____: Please initial one.	

Summary Explanation/Background:



Town of Lake Park
Special Call
Community Redevelopment Agency Meeting
Town Hall Commission Chambers
535 Park Avenue, Florida 33403
Wednesday, December 19, 2007 7:30 p.m.

The Community Redevelopment Agency met for the purpose of a Special Call CRA Meeting on Wednesday, December 19, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. Present were Chair Castro, Board Members Carey, Balias, Osterman, Suiter, Francois, Executive Director Maria Davis and Town Clerk Vivian Mendez. Vice-Chair Daly was absent.

Chair Castro led the Pledge of Allegiance.
Town Clerk Vivian Mendez performed the Roll Call.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

None.

Motion: A motion was made by Board Member Carey to approve the agenda; Board Member Balias made the second.

Vote on Motion:

Board Member	Aye	Nay	Other
Board Member Balias	X		
Board Member Carey	X		
Board Member Osterman	X		
Vice Chair Daly	Absent		
Chair Castro	X		
Board Member Francois	X		
Board Member Suiter	X		

Motion passed 6-0.

General Approval of Item

1. **Special Call CRA Meeting Minutes of November 28, 2007**

Public Comment Open.

None

Public Comment Closed.

Motion: A motion was made by Board Member Carey to approve the Special Call CRA Meeting Minutes of November 28, 2007; Board Member Balias made the second.

Vote on Motion:

Board Member	Aye	Nay	Other
Board Member Balias	X		
Board Member Carey	X		
Board Member Osterman	X		
Vice Chair Daly	Absent		
Chair Castro	X		
Board Member Francois	X		
Board Member Suiter	X		

Motion passed 6-0.

2. Special Call CRA Meeting Minutes of December 5, 2007

Public Comment Open.

None

Public Comment Closed.

Motion: A motion was made by Board Member Carey to approve the Special Call CRA Meeting Minutes of December 5, 2007; Board Member Balias made the second.

Vote on Motion:

Board Member	Aye	Nay	Other
Board Member Balias	X		
Board Member Carey	X		
Board Member Osterman	X		
Vice Chair Daly	Absent		
Chair Castro	X		
Board Member Francois	X		
Board Member Suiter	X		

Motion passed 6-0.

Consent Agenda

3. Request to Expend Unrestricted Reserve Funds for the Resurfacing of Asphalt Roads throughout Various Areas Within the CRA Boundaries

Public Comment Open.

None

Public Comment Closed.

Motion: A motion was made by Board Member Balius to approve the Request to Expend Unrestricted Reserve Funds for the Resurfacing of Asphalt Roads throughout Various Areas Within the CRA Boundaries; Board Member Suiter made the second.

Vote on Motion:

Board Member	Aye	Nay	Other
Board Member Balius	X		
Board Member Carey	X		
Board Member Osterman	X		
Vice Chair Daly	Absent		
Chair Castro	X		
Board Member Francois	X		
Board Member Suiter	X		

Motion passed 6-0.

4. Award Park Avenue Landscape Design and Construction Contract to Chris Wayne and Associates, Inc.

Public Comment Open.

None

Public Comment Closed.

Motion: A motion was made by Board Member Balius to approve the Award of the Park Avenue Landscape Design and Construction Contract to Chris Wayne and Associates, Inc.; Board Member Balius made the second.

Vote on Motion:

Board Member	Aye	Nay	Other
Board Member Balius	X		
Board Member			

Carey	X		
Board Member Osterman	X		
Vice Chair Daly	Absent		
Chair Castro	X		
Board Member Francois	X		
Board Member Suiter	X		

Motion passed 6-0.

Discussion and Possible Action

5. Request Authority to Hire a Part-Time Project Manager to Perform Construction Management Duties for Road Resurfacing and Sidewalk Replacement

Executive Director Davis explained the purpose for her request to use unrestricted reserve funds to resurface asphalt roads throughout various areas of the CRA District. She requested the authority to hire a qualified part-time project manager to manage the asphalt and sidewalk replacement projects. She stated that a fiscal analysis was done (see Exhibit "A") which was provided to the Commission for review. She stated that there would be a significant balance remaining after the funding of both the asphalt and sidewalk replacement projects.

Chair Castro expressed concern over hiring a new employee. He asked if it would be a Town employee or Contract employee.

Executive Director stated that the position would be a part-time employee in the CRA Agency.

Chair Castro asked if there would be benefits for the employee.

Executive Director Davis stated that there would be no benefits for the employee.

Board Member Francois asked how long the employee would be needed for the project.

Executive Director Davis stated that the employee would be needed until the funds allocated for the projects were expended.

Board Member Carey asked if the employee would be paid hourly.

Executive Director Davis stated that she allocated a maximum of \$35,000 as salary for the employee.

Chair Castro asked why Public Works could not oversee the projects as they had done in the past.

Executive Director Davis explained that in her opinion the Public Works Department did not have the expertise or time needed for the asphalt resurfacing project. She stated that someone

would need to oversee the projects and provide quality control.

Chair Castro expressed his concerns about hiring a temporary part-time employee.

Board Member Balias stated that an inspector was needed on the projects daily.

Board Member Osterman stated that the Town would have been well served to have had an inspector on prior Town projects.

Executive Director Davis explained that the projects were solely for, and funded by the Community Redevelopment Agency.

Discussion ensued between Executive Director Davis and the Board Members regarding the hiring of a part-time employee to oversee the sidewalk replacement and asphalt resurfacing projects.

Chair Castro asked why the Community Redevelopment Projects could not be supervised by the Public Works Director.

Executive Director Davis explained that there was not enough time for a Public Works Director to supervise both Town projects and Community Redevelopment Agency Projects. She stated that she was making an effort to separate Town projects from the Community Redevelopment Agency projects and treat them as two separate entities.

Public Comment Open.

None

Public Comment Closed.

Motion: A motion was made by Board Member Osterman to approve the Request for Authority to Hire a Part-Time Project Manager to Perform Construction Management Duties for Road Resurfacing and Sidewalk Replacement; Board Member Balias made the second.

Vote on Motion:

Board Member	Aye	Nay	Other
Board Member Balias	X		
Board Member Carey	X		
Board Member Osterman	X		
Vice Chair Daly	Absent		
Chair Castro	X		
Board Member Francois	X		
Board Member Suiter	X		

Motion passed 6-0.

CRA BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Chair Castro

None

Board Member Balius stated that the plans that Executive Director Davis has for the Community Redevelopment Agency were good.

Board Member Carey

None

Board Member Osterman

None

Vice-Chair Daly

Absent

Board Member Francois

None

Board Member Suiter stated she liked the momentum gained by the Community Redevelopment Agency.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the CRA Board and after a motion to adjourn by Board Member Balius and seconded by Board Member Osterman, and by unanimous vote, the meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Chair Castro

Deputy Clerk Jessica Shepherd

Town Clerk Vivian Mendez

(Town Seal)

Approved on this _____ day of _____, 2008

TAB 2

Lake Park Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA)
Agenda Request Form

Meeting Date: February 15, 2008

Agenda Item No. _____

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SUBJECT: Share 50% Cost with the Town of Lake Park for Professional Lobbying Services and Authorize a Transfer of \$15,000 from Unappropriated Fund Balance to the Town of Lake Park, Town Commission Budget

RECOMMENDED MOTION/ACTION: Approve

Approved by Executive Director *Heather Davis* Date: 2/15/08

Name/Title

Date of Actual Submittal

Originating Department: Executive Director	Costs: \$ 15,000 Funding Source: Unappropriated Fund Balance Acct. # _____	Attachments: Barker Gomez and Associates Proposal
Department Review: <input type="checkbox"/> Town Attorney _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Community Affairs _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Community Development _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Finance _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Fire Dept _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Library _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Marina _____ <input type="checkbox"/> PBSO _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Personnel _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Public Works _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Town Clerk _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Town Manager _____
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Summary Explanation/Background: At its February 6, 2008 meeting the Town of Lake Park Town Commission voted to Hire Gomez Barker and Associates for professional lobbying services in the amount of \$30,000. Since these services will encompass the CRA as well as the Town, it is recommended that the CRA share the cost of the consultant's fees in the amount of \$15,000. Staff is also requesting authority to fund the fees from the unappropriated fund balance and transfer these funds to the Town of Lake Park, Town Commission Budget. The unappropriated fund balance is \$1,075,482.

TOWN OF LAKE PARK MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor, Vice Mayor and Commission Members

FROM: Maria V. Davis, Town Manager

SUBJECT: **Request to Retain Gomez Barker Associates to Perform Appropriations and Intergovernmental Consulting Services for the Town**

DATE: January 24, 2008

To my knowledge, the Town has never utilized the services of a consultant (lobbyist) to assist in obtaining appropriations at the local, state and federal levels. In order to maximize our potential to obtain funding and assist us in our short and long range goals, I am recommending that we retain a lobbyist.

There are many opportunities for the Town to seek funding for specific initiatives at the state and federal level. It is also essential for our legislators to get to know Lake Park and understand our issues.

Given the many issues facing the Town and the abysmal financial outlook resulting from the state's property tax reduction initiatives, I am of the opinion that we **must** become aggressive in obtaining any and all revenue available.

I have first hand experience with understanding the value of a lobbyist. The Cities that I have managed realized significant returns on their investments through the assistance of a lobbyist.

I recently presented the Town's **first** Community Budget Issue Request (CBIR) to the Palm Beach Legislative Delegation for storm water improvement funding for Lake Shore Drive. Now is the ideal time to retain a lobbyist to work with our legislators in securing funding in Tallahassee, as the budget sessions will commence shortly.

Attached please find a package from Mr. Fausto Gomez of Gomez Barker Associates, Inc., which consists of a cover letter, a summary of qualifications, memoranda addressed to two cities summarizing legislative accomplishments and a listing of current clients.

To illustrate the value of retaining a lobbyist, I request that you carefully review the two memoranda summarizing legislative accomplishments for the City of West Miami and the City of Coral Gables.

The City of West Miami is comprised of approximately 5,000 residents, is $\frac{3}{4}$ of a square mile and has a budget of approximately \$5.2 million. This City realized \$13,361,179 in

external funding over a 10 year period through the efforts of Gomez Barker Associates, Inc.

The City of Coral Gables is a much larger city with a substantial tax base. This City realized \$8,062,000 in external funding in four years through the efforts of Gomez Barker Associates, Inc.

This is a very "lean" budget year in Tallahassee, and I am not suggesting that we will have the type of success this year that the two cities realized in former years. I do believe, however, that because it is such a lean year in Tallahassee, we are going to need the services of a lobbyist to obtain any funding available.

I've negotiated a reduced rate of \$30,000 with Gomez Barker Associates, Inc. I recommend that the CRA share 50% of the expense. If the Commission chooses to retain Gomez Barker Associates, Inc., I will request the CRA Board to approve a CRA budget amendment in the near future to share in the expense for lobbyist services. At this point in time, the contracted services would be funded through the Town's non-departmental contingency account.

The Town of Cutler Bay, Florida recently conducted an RFP process for Lobbyist Consulting Services. Gomez Barker Associates, Inc., was the successful firm with an annual fee of \$42,000. I recommend that we utilize the competitive RFP process that the Town of Cutler Bay recently conducted to retain the services of Gomez Barker Associates, Inc. As stated above, the firm is willing to work with the Town at a reduced rate of \$30,000. I respectfully request your serious consideration of this matter.

I've attached a resolution, contract and the Town of Cutler Bay's Request for Proposals for your perusal.

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January 8, 2008

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*Town Of Lake Park,
Office Of Town Manager*

Ms. Maria Davis
Town Manager
Town of Lake Park
535 Park Avenue
Lake Park, Florida 33403

Dear Maria:

I was glad to hear from you and appreciate your calling. I trust you were successful in completing the Community Budget Issue Requests (CBIR's) forms that we sent you and that they were submitted to Tallahassee by your Senator and Representative. I would suggest that you present them at a Palm Beach Delegation Public Hearing and obtain a copy of the tracking numbers so that you can monitor their progress. This is a very tough budget year, the latest revenue estimating conference predicts a \$2.5 billion shortfall in state revenues, but the Town needs to begin the "Tallahassee process" if it is going to receive line item funding from the legislature or secure departmental resources. Many other local governments have mastered the process, South Miami being a prime example, and there is little reason that Lake Park can't obtain financing for some of its recreational, infrastructure, and business development needs.

As you know, Gomez Barker Associates is a government relations and public affairs consulting firm and for close to thirty years we have provided meaningful and effective representation to a wide range of local governments and political subdivisions as well as international and domestic businesses and organizations. The firm offers a range of skills and contacts without peer; and can help effectuate a change in substantive law, secure a budget line item, or identify and ably process a grant application. As a consequence of the firm's lobbying history, and the many projects it has successfully undertaken, Gomez Barker Associates possesses a unique appreciation and understanding of legislative and agency procedures, including the particular needs and culture of local governments. (In fact, we currently represent Miami-Dade and Broward Counties along with eight municipalities) That knowledge has been productively employed to secure billions of dollars in support of local initiatives as well as approval of important policy goals. In recognition of that, Florida Trend, the Orlando Sentinel, the St. Petersburg Times, Miami Herald, Miami Today, and Diario Las Americas list the firm as one of

Florida's premier government relations and public affairs entities. With permanent offices in South Florida and Tallahassee, Gomez Barker Associates provides a statewide reach while retaining a tradition of highly personalized service.

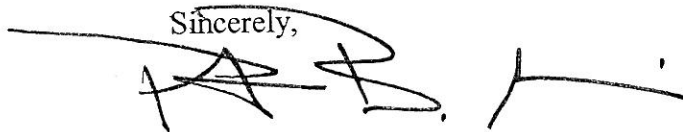
Since our conversation I have thought about the issues you raised and concluded that what the Town of Lake Park requires is a combination of outreach and lobbying. That means the development of clear legislative/administrative goals, a focused message, a sound strategy, and the skillful implementation of it. The priority then is to promote long-range political thinking at the state while still solving short-term challenges in a manner consistent with the organizational and cultural framework of municipal government. I clearly understand that and would engage with you and the Mayor and Commission in developing the organization and strategy which will lead to legislative success. Immediately thereafter, in time for this legislative session and the preceding committee meetings, my staff and I would also engage in the execution of it.

In essence, we will work in helping develop and implement the Town's legislative goals, whether they be policy or budget driven, and in the furtherance of them would: 1) Maintain you and/or the Mayor and Commission informed of pertinent legislative and budget initiatives and plans through meetings, written materials, and/or oral communications; 2) Monitor legislation which may impact on Lake Park and, as approved by you, articulate the Town's position during the drafting and deliberation process; 3) Support you and/or other Town officials in the preparation, presentation, and follow-up of legislative proposals, including budget issues; 4) Schedule meetings and visits with legislators, administration officials, and staff; and 5) provide full-time, effective, representation in Tallahassee during all sessions and interim committee meetings.

Enclosed is Gomez Barker Associates' "Summary of Qualifications." It provides background information about myself and details the firm's lobbying and public affairs experience and outstanding record of success. I have also enclosed a list of our local government clients well as copies of reports we provided to two different municipalities showing them what our efforts have brought them in state financial support. One is very similar in size, population, and budget to Lake Park while the other is a larger city.

I would be very interested in working with you again and know that our joint efforts will lead to success. I understand that this would be a new undertaking for Lake Park and thus would be willing to negotiate a fee schedule that corresponds to that fact. Please let me know how you wish to proceed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Fausto B. Gomez', with a long horizontal line extending to the left.

Fausto B. Gomez

cc: Enclosures

SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS

Gomez Barker Associates, Inc. is a government relations and public affairs consulting firm that provides services to local governments and political subdivisions, international and domestic businesses and organizations, and social, educational, and economic promotion entities. Activities include legislative and agency advocacy, research and analysis, resource development, and strategic communications.

The firm has an outstanding record of achievement, having secured billions in support of local initiatives as well as approval of important policy goals. It offers a range of skills and bipartisan contacts without peer and can help guide a proposal through all levels of state government, effectuate a change in substantive law, secure a budget line item, or identify and ably process a grant application. Gomez Barker Associates currently develops and implements insightful and winning lobbying strategies for over thirty (30) private sector organizations and public entities.

Gomez Barker Associates is skilled at representing clients before the Florida Legislature and state agencies in Tallahassee and local governments in South Florida. With offices in Miami and Tallahassee, the firm delivers a statewide reach while retaining its traditional brand of highly personalized service. The President of Gomez Barker Associates, *Fausto B. Gomez*, is recognized as one of Florida's most effective government relations and public affairs counselors and his experience is the cornerstone of the firm's success. Identifying him as one of Florida's most effective government relations professionals, Florida Trend magazine called him a "leading lobbyist, polite and intellectual, who analyzes strategy and picks spots carefully." The Orlando Sentinel and the St. Petersburg Times described him as one of the "top" lobbyists in Florida and Miami Today ranked him among the best lobbyists in Miami-Dade County. Two newspapers that circulate primarily among Hispanics, Diario Las Americas and Exito have named Mr. Gomez among Miami's most significant public affairs representatives. And The Miami Herald has labeled Mr. Gomez as one of the "most influential" lobbyists working in the state and has twice selected him to serve on their panel to review and evaluate the Florida Legislature.

Mr. Gomez founded Gomez Barker Associates in 1987 after successfully serving as Director of Legislative Relations for Florida International University and as Administrative Assistant to then City of Miami Mayor Maurice Ferre. Similarly, the entire staff of Gomez Barker Associates has also worked in government at either the state or local level. The knowledge gained there, coupled with extensive lobbying experience, allows them to possess an appreciation and understanding of legislative and agency procedures and enjoy

a substantial degree of credibility with key legislators and executive agency officials. The firm is involved in the legislative process full-time, year-round, and offers the constant vigilance and commitment necessary for success.

Active in the community, Mr. Gomez serves on the Board of Governors of the Florida Chamber of Commerce, the Board of Directors of the Florida Intergovernmental Relations Foundation, on the Florida Advisory Council of the Trust for Public Lands, and on the Dean's Advisory Board for the College of Arts and Sciences at Florida International University. He is the immediate-past Chairman of the Southeast Florida region for Leadership Florida and formerly served on the Board of Directors of the Florida Humanities Council, on the Executive Committee of the World Trade Center/Miami, the Executive Committee of the Florida Council for International Development, the Dade International Affairs Commission, the International Trade and Economic Development Board of Enterprise Florida, the Florida International Trade and Investment Council, as Chairman of the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce's International Governmental Issues Committee, on the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce's Lobbyist Advisory Council, on the Metro-Miami Marketplace: Destination 2001 Committee, and on the City of Miami's Bond Underwriters, Banking, and Financial Advisor Selection Committees.

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**Gomez Barker
Associates, Inc.**

Memorandum

To: Hon. Donald D. Slesnick, Mayor
Hon. Maria Anderson, Vice Mayor
Hon. Rafael "Ralph" Cabrera, Commissioner
Hon. William H. Kerdyk, Jr. Commissioner
Hon. Wayne E. "Chip" Withers, Commissioner

From: Fausto B. Gomez

CC: David L. Brown, City Manager
Elizabeth Hernandez, City Attorney

Date: December 8, 2006

Re: Summary of Legislative Accomplishments

I am pleased to provide this summary of legislative appropriations obtained for the City of Coral Gables since 2002, the period of my representation. During that time we have been able to secure a total of \$9,812,000 in legislative appropriated funds which equates to \$8,062,000 in disbursements when you exclude the Governor's vetoes. (For illustration purposes those are struck through in this memorandum). My total compensation during the same period has been \$255,000. That equals a rate of return to the City of 3,747% pre-veto and 3,061% post-veto when you compare my professional fees to the amount of funding obtained. Viewing it differently, the pre-veto cost of the City is 2.59% and the post-veto cost is 3.162%.

Coral Gables' intergovernmental efforts are a success and have brought in significant sums with no corresponding revenue obligations from the citizens and taxpayers of the City. And this memorandum only focuses only on appropriations, excluding the important policy objectives on which we have worked. Those range from preservation of local zoning rights to the legislation endorsed by the Coral Gables Economic Development Board regarding Life Insurance and Annuity Contracts.

I appreciate your allowing me to represent the City of Coral Gables and look forward to continuing to work with you, the staff, and the senior appointed officials. I trust you will not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or desire additional information.

2002

Special Law Enforcement Trust Fund*
Section 26, Implementing Bill

\$ 200,000

~~Ponce de Leon Boulevard Corridor Economic Revitalization~~ \$ 250,000
~~Budget Line Item 2484A~~

LeJeune Road Median Improvements \$1,000,000
(Letter dated May 2, 2002 from Gus Pego to Alberto Delgado)

2003

Special Law Enforcement Trust Fund* \$ 200,000
Section 26, Implementing Bill

Dredging C-3 Canal \$ 500,000
(South Florida Water Management District)

2004

Stormwater Drainage \$ 500,000
Budget Line Item 2046A

Coral Gables Museum \$ 300,000
Budget Line Item 2817Z

~~Biltmore Property~~ \$ 500,000
~~Budget Line Item 2480P~~

Old Cutler Sanitary Sewer Force Main \$ 950,000
Budget Line Item 1702

Inflow/Infiltration Reductions \$ 587,000
Budget Line Item 1702

2005

Special Law Enforcement Trust Fund* \$ 200,000
Section 19, Implementing Bill

Improvements to the C-3 Canal \$2,200,000
Budget Line Item 1717A

~~Stormwater~~ \$ 425,000
~~Budget Line Item 1717A~~

DeSoto Fountain \$ 242,000
Budget Line Item 2948A

~~Emergency Communications Tower~~ \$ 250,000
~~Budget Line Item 1201~~

2006

Special Law Enforcement Trust Fund* \$ 200,000
Section 19, Implementing Bill

Conveyance Improvements to the C-3 Canal Budget Line Item 1821	\$ 983,000
Capacity Upgrades to North Gables Stormwater Pump Station Budget Line Item 1821	\$ 125,000
Trolley Program Budget Line Item 2608	\$ 200,000

*Estimate of annual transfer

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**Gomez Barker
Associates, Inc.**

Memorandum

To: Hon. Cesar Carasa, Mayor
Hon. Juan Blanes, Vice Mayor
Hon. Eduardo Muhina, Commissioner
Hon. Jesus Santana, Commissioner
Hon. Luciana Suarez, Commissioner

From: Fausto B. Gomez

CC: Yolanda Aguilar, City Manager

Date: June 1, 2007

Re: Summary of Legislative Accomplishments

I am pleased to provide this summary of state and county appropriations obtained for the City of West Miami for the last ten years. During that time we have been able to secure a total of \$15,312,795 in external funding which equates to \$13,361,179 in disbursements when you exclude the Governor's vetoes. (For illustration purposes those are struck through in this memorandum). In comparison, my total compensation during the same period has been \$318,000. That equals a rate of return to the City of 4,825% pre-veto and 4,201% post-veto when you contrast my professional fees to the amount of funding obtained. Viewing it differently, the pre-veto cost of the City of the monies obtained is 2% and the post-veto cost is 2.38%.

West Miami's intergovernmental efforts are a success and have brought in significant sums with no corresponding revenue obligations from the citizens and taxpayers of the City. In fact, in addition to the specific appropriations listed below, through legislation we were able to waive the requirements for establishing reserve accounts for both Phase I (commercial) and Phase II (residential) of the sewer projects for five years each. That alone saved the City \$930,000. And this memorandum only focuses only on appropriations, excluding the important policy objectives on which we

have worked. Those range from authority to renovate 57th Avenue to establishing a grace period for connecting to new sewers, and from preserving local zoning rights to monitoring Florida Retirement System (FRS) contribution rates.

The appropriation items listed below attest to the many tangible benefits that have been secured through our joint lobbying efforts. I marvel that the City began its quest in Tallahassee with an initial appropriation of \$75,000 for the Community Center and for the last ten years West Miami has averaged \$1,521,379 in annual support. That record places it at the forefront of municipalities statewide. The residents of West Miami have undoubtedly been well served by the leadership of its Mayors and Commissioners and that of the state legislators who have represented it. I appreciate your allowing me to work with you and assist in guiding the City through the appropriations and policy processes. I look forward to continuing our successful collaboration and trust you will not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or desire additional information.

1997

Community Center (Base Funding – Department of Elder Affairs)	\$ 177,203
Community Center (Budget Line Item 421)	\$ 75,000
Law Enforcement Equipment (Budget Line Item 946C)	\$ 102,000
Wastewater Treatment (Budget Line Item 1277A)	\$ 225,000
Stormwater Improvement Infrastructure Work (CDBG - Miami-Dade County)	\$ 150,000
American with Disabilities Act Infrastructure Improvements (CDBG - Miami-Dade County)	\$ 60,000
Elderly Meals Program (CDBG - Miami-Dade County)	\$ 24,100
Hurricane Shelter Re-allocation (CDBG - Miami-Dade County)	\$ 393,000

1998

Community Center (Base Funding – Department of Elder Affairs)	\$ 252,203
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Sewer System \$ 750,000
(Budget Line Item 1362A)

Elderly Meals Program \$ 24,300
(CDBG - Miami-Dade County)

1999

Community Center \$ 252,203
(Base Funding – Department of Elder Affairs)

Elderly Meals Program \$ 24,300
(CDBG - Miami-Dade County)

Sewer System \$ 485,000
(Florida Department of Environmental Protection MOA #33)

2000

Community Center \$ 252,203
(Base Funding – Department of Elder Affairs)

Meals on Wheels \$ 25,000
(Budget Line Item 447)

Surface Water System Improvements \$ 500,000
(Budget Line Item 1591G)

Cooper Park Improvements \$ 50,000
(Budget Line Item 1641A)

Elderly Meals Program \$ 24,300
(CDBG - Miami-Dade County)

Stormwater Improvements \$ 200,000
(CDBG – Miami-Dade County)

2001

Community Center \$ 252,203
(Base Funding – Department of Elder Affairs)

Wastewater Collection System \$1,000,000
(Budget Line Item 1748)

Surface Water System Improvements (Budget Line Item 1747A)	\$1,250,000
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Edmund Cooper Park (Budget Line Item 1814)	\$ 50,000
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Elderly Meals Program (CDBG - Miami-Dade County)	\$ 24,300
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2002

Community Center (Base Funding – Department of Elder Affairs)	\$ 237,280
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Wastewater Project (Budget Line Item 1769)	\$ 700,000
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Wastewater Project (South Florida Water Management District)	\$ 50,000
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Parks and Recreational Facilities Improvements (Budget Line Item 1843)	\$ 50,000
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Elderly Transportation Grant (Budget Line Item 473)	\$ 25,000
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Elderly Meals Program (CDBG - Miami-Dade County)	\$ 24,300
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2003

Community Center (Base Funding – Department of Elder Affairs)	\$ 237,280
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2004

Community Center (Base Funding – Department of Elder Affairs)	\$ 237,280
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Community Center (Budget Line Item 455C)	\$ 75,000
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Community Center (Budget Line Item 467)	\$ 75,000
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Stormwater Improvements \$1,250,000
(South Florida Flood Mitigation, Budget Line Item 2064A)

Recreation Center (Basketball and Tennis Courts) \$ 50,000
(Budget Line Item 1755H)

Keep America Beautiful \$ 10,000
(Budget Line Item 1313)

2005

Community Center \$ 312,280
(Base Funding – Department of Elder Affairs)

Community Center Roof Repairs \$ 75,000
(Budget Line Item 426)

Stormwater Improvements \$1,000,000
(Budget Line Item 1717A)

Baseball Field Improvements \$ 50,000
(Budget Line Item 1776)

Relocation of Playground Facilities \$ 112,500
(Budget Line Item 1776)

2006

Community Center \$ 312,280
(Base Funding – Department of Elder Affairs)

Community Center Renovations \$ 75,000
(Budget Line Item 1632A)

~~Hurricane Shelter Provisions \$ 50,000~~
~~(Budget Line Item 1579)~~

Stormwater Drainage \$1,000,000
(Budget Line Item 1821)

~~Potable Water System Infrastructure Assessment \$ 250,000~~
~~(Budget Line Item 1821)~~

2007

Community Center (Base Funding – Department of Elder Affairs)	\$ 312,280
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Community Center Congregate Meals (Budget Line Item 498)	\$ 337,000
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Stormwater Improvements (Budget Line Item 1859)	\$ 500,000
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Potable Water System Infrastructure Assessment (Budget Line Item 1859)	\$ 200,000
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